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SECULARISM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS □

Underpinning the prevailing culture in the world today is the philosophy of secularism, aimed, among other things, at the eradication of religion. Secularism is based on a tentative faith in the evolution of conscious, willing, rational man and of the order of the universe.

Let us examine the unmistakable implications of this false faith.

- there is no God ;
- there is no spiritual dimension to the human personality;
- there is no purpose to human life;
- this life is the be-all and end-all of human life, i.e. death is the total annihilation of life;
- there are no objective moral values - values are relative and changing as society or man decides.

WHAT DOES RELIGION TEACH? □

As opposed to these implications, at a seminar held in Cambridge, UK in 1990, representatives of Christianity taught the following:

- Belief in a Transcendent Reality, God, who is worthy of worship.
- Belief in the existence of a spiritual dimension in every human being.
- Belief in the innate love for eternal values, such as Truth, Justice, Righteousness, Love, compassion.
- Belief in need for Transcendental Guidance."

[Muslim Education Quarterly - Cambridge, The Islamic Academy, Vol. 15, No. 4, 1998]

□ WHAT AM I? □

The prevailing culture powerfully re-inforces the above-mentioned implications of secularism through popular culture.

So here I am --- alive, but with no purpose to life --- alive, but doomed to total extinction at death (engendered by the prevailing culture).

In the secularism-based prevailing culture, Man thus believes that life has no purpose, that there is no meaning to life.

I AM THE FRUIT □

When I have been brainwashed by the prevailing culture into believing that I and I alone, have the right to determine my own destiny.

SUGGESTED SOLUTION □

If society is really serious about addressing the problem of crime, it has to stop focusing on dealing with the symptoms and start dealing with the cause.

THE HOLY QUR'AN --- GOD'S FINAL REVELATION □ □

The One True God, the All-Knowing, the All-Loving, the All-Wise sent guidance to every people in this world through His messengers.

The correct beliefs, that we need to espouse, which the Qur'an clearly informs us of, include:

1. The universe was created by the Absolute, Infinite, One True God for a serious purpose and it certainly has a meaning.
2. Life here in this world, even though fleeting, is but only a small part of Man's lifespan. It is, however, a test.
3. Death, far from being the total annihilation of life, is only a gateway to the next level of existence, the hereafter.
4. Life in this world, far from being purposeless, is the opportunity for us to strive to fulfil the purpose of our creation.

5. The Ever-Loving Creator endowed man with a nature (in Arabic, Fitrah) and guided him to a way of life.
6. A human being is comprised of five dimensions - the physical, the rational or intellectual, the aesthetic, the emotional and the spiritual.
7. The One True God is the Possessor of all the dimensions of Highest Excellence to an Infinite degree.
8. There is the Day of Judgment, when all human beings will be resurrected and made to stand before Him.
9. Each human being has been allotted a period of time here in this world, the length of which is not known.

CONCERTED ACTION --- THE CRYING NEED

A hungry person cannot sate his hunger by only extolling the virtues of the food before him - a sick person cannot be cured by only praising the medicine.